

Advent 2023 Holden (Morning) Prayer

Dec 3 - Advent I: Love that Fills the Night with Wonder

Dec 10 - Advent II: Love that Warms the Weary Soul: A Service of Lessons & Music

Dec 17 - Advent III: Love that Bursts All Chains Asunder

Dec 24 (9:30 am) - Advent IV: Set us Free and Make us Whole

*Christmas Eve Worship will take place on Sunday, Dec 24 at 4 pm - All neighbors welcome!



Stewardship Sunday



November 19, 2023

**Cross of Glory Lutheran Church
Brooklyn Center, MN**



Welcome to Cross of Glory!



LENT
Stories of Call:
A Season of
Prayerful Listening

EASTER
Stories of Life:
A Season of
Proclaiming Life Amidst Death

PENTECOST
Stories of Togetherness:
A Season of
Exploring Life Shared Together

We're glad you're here. If you're worshipping with us for the first time today, we invite you to fill out a "Welcome" card from the pew rack and place it in the plate during the offering so we can extend a deeper welcome. Everyone is invited to stay after the service for a brief time of food and fellowship. We hope that at Cross of Glory you experience God's gift of life together, made richer by your presence among us.

Gathering

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Blessed be God, Mother who creates us, † Jesus who dwells among us, and Spirit who stirs us to life.

All: Amen.

Although God calls us to life together, we continually separate ourselves from God and one another. Let us take a moment of silence to repent and confess our sins...

Silence for reflection

P: Ever-living God,

All: You have offered us the gift of life, taught us the ways of shalom, shown us the ways of justice, yet we fail to listen to your call. We are complacent in the face of violence and suffering, and afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we limit the scope of those we think we're responsible for loving, forgive us. Draw us toward one another--toward you, through the power of your living Spirit among us. Amen.

grateful for the help!

•**W/ELCA Christmas Gathering** - will be held on December 2, 2023 punch at 11:30, luncheon at noon, program at 1pm. Sign up on the poster by the information desk. If you are unable to sign up in person, call the church office or Carol Stejskal by Nov. 26, 2023.

•**Christmas Cookie Distribution**—Our Christmas Cookie tradition continues. We have been blessed with donations of cookies from all of our parishioners in the past. The cookie plates have been cheerfully and thankfully received. Please bring fresh baked or store bought cookies or candy on Dec. 10, 2023, and stay after the service to help prepare plates for our homebound and care center members this holiday season. Sign up on the sheet at the ushers table to take part.

•**December Neighborhood Listening Session** - As we work to discern what God's call to life together looks like at CoG, we'll be gathering with neighbors from the BC community once a month for a Neighborhood Listening Session. Join us from 5:30-6:30 pm as we share a meal and get to know our neighbor(hood)! *Note: Next month's session, featuring neighbors from CAPI, will take place on Dec 13 (second Wed), not Dec 20 (third Wed), due to Christmas. RSVP to Isak Tranvik By December 12th

•**Bible Studies** - The CoG Bible Study will continue to meet onsite and online on Tuesdays at 9:30 am, except for the following dates (due to holidays): Nov 21, Dec 26, and Jan 2. The WELCA Bible Study is Dec. 20 @ 1pm.

•**Visitation** - If you're interested in receiving a visit from Pastor Ali or a CoG friend, or would be willing to serve as a visitor (who makes either in-person or phone call visits to homebound members), let Rachel in the office know.

•**Want to Know More About COG?** - We're so glad you're worshipping with us! Welcome. If you're interested in learning more about life together at COG, reach out to Pastor Ali (atranvik@crossofglory.us).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

•**Coffee Hour** - Join us after worship today in the fellowship hall for a time of food and fellowship!

•**Stewardship** - Thanks to all for your generosity as we work to live out God's call to life together this next year! If you haven't submitted your 2024 pledge card, we invite you to drop it off/mail it into the office this next week. These giving estimates help us prepare our budget for the year ahead.

•**Site Visit Orientation TODAY** - As we work to discern what being "called to life together" means, we'll be learning from neighboring churches who have reimagined ways to share space for the sake of God's work. If you're interested in taking part in a site visit or two in the next few months to learn how these congregations began and sustain the work they do, join us for a brief orientation after worship today! Reach out to Kris Simon with questions.

•**Table Talks** - Join us for Table Talks next Sunday, Nov 26 at 11 am. This month's topic is "Faith + Predatory Lending." We look forward to welcoming a speaker from Exodus Lending to share more about payday lending and the work Exodus does in response. Reach out to Gordy Johnsrud with any questions.

•**Thanksgiving Pie Delivery** - This Thanksgiving, join us in sharing pie with those in our community who may particularly enjoy a slice. If you'd like to help with pie delivery Thurs morning, Nov 23--or if you'd like to receive some pie!--call the church office at 763-533-8602 ASAP!

•**Thanksgiving Worship** - We will celebrate the God who showers us with blessings as part of our regular Sunday service on Sunday, Nov 26th. *There is no Thanksgiving Eve service this year.

•**No Bible Study this week** - Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, we will not gather for CoG Bible Study this Tues, Nov 21. We'll regather the following week, Nov 28, at 9:30 am onsite and online.

•**Preparing Sanctuary for Advent and Christmas** - If you're willing to lend a hand from 9-10 on Saturday, Dec 2 or 16 to help decorate the sanctuary for the season, the Worship, Music, Arts Team would be

P: Beloveds in Christ, in Jesus, God is always making a way out of no way, calling us out of ourselves and into one body. In † Christ, we are already and always forgiven, and freed for life together. And to that we say:

A: Thanks be to God!

*** Please rise as you are able ***

MUSIC

Chorus

Kyrie Eleison on our world
And on our way.
Kyrie Eleison ev'ry day.

Verse 1

For peace in the world,
For the health of the church,
For the unity of all,
For this holy house,
For all who worship and praise,
Let us pray to the Lord.
Let us pray to the Lord. *(Chorus)*

Verse 2

That we may live out
Your impassioned response
To the hungry and the poor,
That we may live out
Truth and justice and grace,
Let us pray to the Lord.
Let us pray to the Lord.
(Chorus)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Kyrie Eleison

(Olson)

Verse 3

For peace in our hearts,
For peace in our homes,
For friends and family,
For life and for love,
For our work and our play,
Let us pray to the Lord.
Let us pray to the Lord.
(Chorus)

Verse 4

For Your Spirit to guide,
That You center our lives
In the water and the word,
That You nourish our souls
With Your body and blood,
Let us pray to the Lord.
Let us pray to the Lord.
(Chorus)

P: Let us pray together:

All: O God, help us to keep awake and to pay attention to the ways of injustice in the world around us, that we might steward our gifts in ways that interrupt the world as it is for the sake of the world as it could be: your kingdom come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*** Please be seated ***

MUSIC

It All Belongs To You

Adler

Chorus

It all belongs to You,
Every single thing.
You deserve the best,
Cause Jesus You're the King.
It all belongs to You,
You bought us with a price,
We offer up ourselves
A living sacrifice.

Verse 1

My gifts, my talents,
All the things I have for free,
They're for Your glory, Lord,
For You, and not for me.
All my possessions,
All the things I choose to buy
I offer You 'cause I'm Your servant,
Here am I.

Verse 2

The way I spend my money,
How I spend my time,
The choice is up to You.
It's Yours, Lord, it's not mine.
All my devotion,
All the praises I can bring
Belong to You alone,
'Cause Jesus, You're the King.

Bridge

For You gave Your life unselfishly.
You paid the price to ransom me.
You washed my sin
and made me new.
Now everything I am,
it all belongs to You.

Ending

You, You, You, it all belongs to You,
You, You, You, not me. (repeat)

Word

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Pastor: Rev. Ali Tranvik
Director of Choirs: Keith J. Williams
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Guitar: Steve Sebald, Josh Smith
Technical Team: Ryan Bailey, Dawn and Bill Bailey

Greeters: Mike Edstrom & Barb Thomson
Reader: Sharon Quick
Ushers: Don Halverson, Cheryl Anderson, Steve Ferley, Jeffline Tolbert
Communion: Judy Lewis, Sharon Quick, Mike Edstrom
Fellowship: Ron & Lois Tollefsrud, Bob Wertz
Ministers: The People of Cross of Glory



Please join us in lifting up these brothers and sisters in prayer:

*Mavis Wold
Norma Gilbertson
Audrey Swanberg
Jeannie Kuzmich
Eric Thompson & family
Dick Mero
Martha Krueger
Penny Lindblom*

*Sherry Mattfield
Debbie Sjoquist
Claudia Reitan
Richard Peterson
Marian Priest
Maggie Johnsrud
Tom Simon and family*

To be added or removed from the weekly prayer list, please contact the church office (office@crossofglory.us) or call 763-533-8602.

You are welcome to stop at our community prayer wall just outside the sanctuary to place a written prayer in the wall. Further instructions are at the prayer wall.

Verse 4
Then will your blessing
reach ev'ry people,
freely confessing
your gracious hand.

Where you are reigning,
no one will hunger;
your love sustaining
showers the land.

PRAYER OF GOOD COURAGE

Please rise as you're able and face the back doors as we prepare to go into the world with good courage. You're also invited to join hands with or put your hand on a neighbor near you as a reminder that we do not go forth alone.

**ALL: O God, you have called us to ventures
of which we cannot see the ending,
By paths as yet untrodden,
Through perils unknown.
Give us faith to go out with good courage.
Not knowing where we go,
But only that your hand is leading us,
And your love supporting us,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen!**

SENDING BLESSING

P: Go in peace, and love the world God so loves.
A: We will! Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

MUSIC CREDITS

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pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 25:14-30

*** Please rise as you are able ***

P: The Gospel according to Matthew the twenty-fifth chapter.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

‘For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, “Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, “Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave;

you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, “Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.” But his master replied, “You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

P: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

MUSIC

Called Me Higher

Jordan

Verse 1

I could just sit, I could just sit
And wait for all Your goodness,
Hope to feel Your presence.
And I could just stay,
I could just stay
Right where I am and
hope to feel You,
Hope to feel something again.

Verse 2

I could hold on, I could hold on
To who I am and never let You
Change me from the inside,
I could be safe, I could be safe

Here in Your arms and
never leave home,
Never let these walls down.

Chorus 1

You have called me higher,
You have called me deeper,
And I'll go where
You will lead me, Lord.
You have called me higher,
You have called me deeper
And I'll go where
You will lead me, Lord,
Where You lead me,
Where You lead me, Lord.

no humble task refused
your love bestows.

Verse 4

God of the countryside,
dear to the Christ who

died to make us one:
we pledge our lives anew
in faithful love to you.
Guide all we say and do.
Your will be done.

MUSIC

There Is Enough

There is enough, there is enough.

There is enough, oh, enough and some to share. *(Repeat)*

COMMUNION PRAYER

P: With your word and this meal of grace, you have stirred our souls and nourished our bodies. Empower us now to live as your body, together.

All: Amen.

Sending

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING OF THE QUILTS

MUSIC

Praise and Thanksgiving

#689

*** Please rise as you are able. Kids are invited to grab a musical instrument from the basket in the back and make a joyful noise as we sing! ***

Verse 1

Praise and thanksgiving,
God, we would offer
for all things living,
you have made good:
harvest of sown fields,
fruits of the orchard,
hay from the mown fields,
blossom and wood.

Verse 3

Father, providing
food for your children,
by Wisdom's guiding
teach us to share
one with another,
so that, rejoicing with us,
all others may know your care.

The body of Christ is given for you.
The blood of Christ is shed for you.
Amen.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

MUSIC **Light Dawns on a Weary World** #726

Verse 1

Light dawns on a weary world
when eyes begin to see
all people's dignity.
Light dawns on a weary world:
the promised day of justice comes.

Refrain

The trees shall clap their hands;
the dry lands, gush with springs;
the hills and mountains shall break
forth with singing!
We shall go out in joy,
and be led forth in peace,
as all the world in wonder echoes
shalom.

Verse 2

Love grows in a weary world
when hungry hearts find bread
and children's dreams are fed.
Love grows in a weary world:
the promised feast of plenty comes.

Refrain

Verse 3

Hope blooms in a weary world
when creatures, once forlorn,
find wilderness reborn.
Hope blooms in a weary world:
The promised green
of Eden comes.

Refrain

MUSIC **God of the Fertile Fields** #1063

Verse 1

God of the fertile fields,
shaper of earth that yields
our daily bread:
forth from your bounteous hand
come gifts your love has planned,
that all in ev'ry land
be clothed and fed.

Verse 2

We would be stewards true,
holding in trust from you

all that you give;
help us in love to share,
teach us like you to care
for people ev'rywhere,
that all may live.

Verse 3

As grows the hidden seed
to fruit that serves our need,
so your reign grows.
Let all our toil be used,
no gift of yours abused,

Verse 2

I could hold on, I could hold on
To who I am and never let You
Change me from the inside,
I could be safe, I could be safe
Here in Your arms and
never leave home,
Never let these walls down.
(Chorus 1)

Bridge

I will be Yours,
I will be Yours for all my life.
(repeat x3)

Chorus 2

'Cause You have called me higher,
You have called me deeper
And I'll go where
You will lead me, Lord.
You have called me higher,
You have called me deeper
And I'll go where
You will lead me, Lord. (Repeat)

Ending

Where You lead me,
Where You lead me, Lord,
Where You lead me,
Where You lead me, Lord.

CONFESSON OF FAITH

Apostles Creed

*** Please rise as you are able ***

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

A: And also with you.

P: Let's share a sign of God's peace with one another.

*** Please be seated ***

OFFERING

The Spirit moves through the offering we joyfully share. We invite you to leave an offering in the plates or scan the QR code here to make a secure, online gift. Thank you!



MUSIC

Multiply Your Love

Park

Verse 1

Multiply Your love through us
To the lost and the least.
Let us be Your healing hands,
Your instruments of peace.
May our single purpose be
To imitate Your life
Through our simple
words and deeds.
Let love be multiplied.

Verse 2

Multiply Your love through me
To someone in need.
Help me, Lord, to freely give
This grace that I've received.
Let my single purpose be
To imitate Your life
Through my simple
Words and deeds.
Let love be multiplied.

Chorus

Let us see Your kingdom come
To the poor and broken ones.

Let us see a mighty flood
Of justice and mercy, O Jesus.
Let love be multiplied.

Verse 3

Multiply Your church through us
To the ends of the earth.
Where there's only barrenness,
Let us see new birth.
Use us as Your laborers,
Working side by side.
Let us see Your harvest come.
Let love be multiplied. *(Chorus)*

Ending

Multiply Your love through us.
Multiply Your love. *(Repeat)*
Multiply Your love.
Multiply Your love
Multiply Your love.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sung between petitions:

**Spirit, open my heart,
To the joy and pain of living.**

**As you love, may I love.
In receiving and in giving.
Spirit, open my heart.**

Table

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

On the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered together as one body by the Holy Spirit, let us pray the prayer Jesus taught us...

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Pastor: Jesus invites you to the table. Come, eat, and live.

HOLY COMMUNION

Come to the table, where God's gifts of grace and love are poured out for all, and where all are welcome. If you're worshiping onsite, you're invited to come forward when an usher cues your row. You'll be offered bread from the first server (gluten-free options available upon request), and wine from the second server (grape juice available upon request). If you'd like to take communion in your seat, simply cue an usher and we'd be glad to bring it to you.